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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
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Rockville, MD 20852

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Re: Docket #98N-1038: "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food."

Dear FDA:

I am writing to strenuously oppose the legislation permitting irradiated foods to be sold without labelling to identify it as such. The labelling should be prominent and the words "irradiated" or "irradiation" must be used (as opposed to misleading terms using the word "pasteurized") to inform the consumer about the product. The lack of labelling misleads the consumer, who is not aware of buying a product in which vitamins have been destroyed by irradiation and unexpected sensory and spoilage qualities have been altered. I insist that you protect the right of the consumer to clear information about what we are eating.

Thank you.

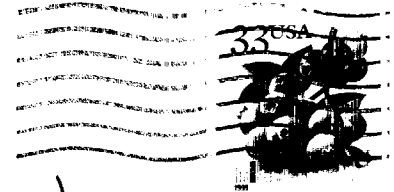


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